

Resources for Backyard Vegetable Gardening



Ask The Experts

Are you interested in starting your own neighborhood or backyard garden? If you have specific gardening-related questions, try asking a local garden expert.

Maricopa County Master Gardeners:

1. Phoenix
Maricopa County Cooperative Extension
4341 E. Broadway Road
Phoenix, AZ 85040
(602) 827-8200 ext. 301
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday
[View Map](#)
2. West Valley
13815 Camino del Sol
Sun City West, AZ 85375
(623) 546-1672
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday
[View Map](#)

Ask the Maricopa County Master Gardeners a question online at:
<http://cals.arizona.edu/maricopa/garden/html/general/question.htm>

Phoenix Permaculture Guild

Mailing address: 5555 N. 7th St. #134-407, Phoenix AZ 85014

Web: www.phoenixpermaculture.org

E-mail: mothernature@phoenixpermaculture.net

University of Arizona, Maricopa County Cooperative Extension

James Truman, Program Coordinator, Senior, ANR/Horticulture

E-mail: jstruman@cals.arizona.edu

Phone: 602-827-8200 x306

Garden Clubs

Looking for a garden club to join? The University of Arizona [Maricopa County Cooperative Extension](#) web site lists over 40 garden clubs in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Whether you're interested in learning more about growing roses or native plants, joining a garden club allows you to network with other plant enthusiasts. The list includes contact information and dates and times of meetings for a variety of garden clubs. Most garden clubs have a direct link to their website, too.

Online Resources

COMPOSTING

Master Composter Program - <http://www.mastercomposter.com/>

Information on home composting.

DISEASES

University of Arizona Extension, Plant Pathology - <http://cals.arizona.edu/PLP/plpext/>

Information and pictures of plant diseases.

GARDNING IN THE SOUTHWEST

National Gardening Association - <http://www.garden.org/regional/report/current/5>

A bi-weekly garden newsletter tailored for gardeners in the southwest.

University of Arizona – <http://cals.arizona.edu/maricopa/garden/pubs.htm>

Free horticulture publications on a variety of gardening topics from citrus to fruits and nuts to vegetables.

HARVESTING

Arizona Specialty Crop Guide - http://www.azda.gov/Main/Specialty_Crop_Guide.pdf

A helpful harvest schedule for fruits, herbs, and vegetables.

INSECTS

University of Arizona - <http://cals.arizona.edu/urbanipm/>

Resource for those interested in learning about bugs living in Arizona.

NATIVE PLANTS

Arizona Native Plant Society – <http://www.aznps.com/>

The Arizona Native Plant Society is a statewide nonprofit organization devoted to Arizona's native plants.

Native Seed Search - <http://www.nativeseeds.org/>

Order a variety of native, agricultural seeds through Native Seeds' online store.

SOILS

United States Department of Agriculture -

http://www.soils.usda.gov/survey/online_surveys/arizona/maricopa/gsm.pdf

A map of soils in Maricopa County.

United States Department of Agriculture -

http://soils.usda.gov/sqi/concepts/soil_biology/soil_food_web.html

Information about the soil-food web.

University of Arizona - <http://cals.arizona.edu/pubs/garden/az1111.pdf>

Contact information for laboratories conducting soil, plant, feed or water testing.

WEATHER

Arizona Meteorological Network - <http://ag.arizona.edu/azmet/>

Access data from weather stations across Arizona and the Phoenix, Area Turf Water Use Report.

Weather Underground - <http://www.wunderground.com/US/AZ>

Get local weather information.

National Weather Service Forecast Office (Phoenix, AZ) - <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/psr/>

See satellite and radar maps.